

**LOCAL BREVITIES.**

A Happy New Year to All!  
 Oakes Brothers' Variety Troupe is booked for Friday, 11th inst., at the Academy of Music.

W. W. Nall and family removed into the dwelling part of the Blue Store building last week, and are now snugly fixed in their new quarters.

W. W. Nall spent a part of last Sunday morning upon the roof of his house. The soot in a flue took fire, but burned out without damage.

The colored folks had their regular annual "watch-meetin'" Monday night. The congregation saw the old-year out and the new-year in, with the usual ceremonies.

Thank goodness! the dulcet notes of the holiday horn are heard no more. The brass band horn and the one that cheers and sometimes infuriates still abide, however.

Slush, rain, freeze,—freeze, rain, slush,—here you have an epitome of the despicable weather we have been enjoying for ten days. O, for a steady freeze, or a constant thaw. N. B.—The freeze has come.

If anybody along this division of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway gets a new press that he doesn't know how to set up, we advise him to call on H. L. Simmerman. As the boys would express it, "he's a dandy."

"The devil and all his works," must have been the lesson last Sunday at one of the Sabbath Schools, for we heard a five-year-old repeating it, over and over, as we passed him that day. The text had struck him pat, and he remembered it.

Capt. Byers, of the "Bonanza," got a Christmas gift which rather takes the shine out of the balance of us. His estimable better-half presented him with a fine boy that day. We take it, Christmas will never miss a proper celebration in his family—and may they live to see many returns of the same.

J. C. Peck left for Poplar Bluff last Sunday, to take charge of the Pacific express office at that place. He is an excellent accountant, of the firmest integrity, accommodating and gentlemanly at all times, and will fill the position awarded him with fidelity to the company and honor to himself.

Prof. Scott is unable to take charge of the school this week, owing to ill-health. He had an attack of pneumonia some two weeks ago, but in a few days had nearly recovered. On Christmas day he attended funeral services at the Presbyterian Church, and contracting a severe cold, suffered a relapse. We trust, however, that another week will serve to place him on his feet again.

The biggest congregation of the holiday season in the Valley was that at the Presbyterian Church on New Year's Eve. There was a Christmas entertainment—postponed from the previous Monday for various causes—and the church was crowded with children of all sizes and ages, from the little tot of four to the full-grown, well-matured specimen of the genus homo. The way to "gather them in" is by getting a good grip on their stomachs.

The following officers were elected at the last meeting of the Knights of Honor, for the ensuing year: Dictator, A. S. Prince; Vice Dictator, T. T. Baldwin; Ass't Dictator, W. W. Heywood; Reporter, W. W. Nall; Financial Reporter, C. R. Peck; Treasurer, W. G. Fairchild; Chaplain, Rev. Geo. Boush; Guide, Thos. Newman; Past Dictator, Wm. Hille; Sentinel, F. Kindell; Guardian, Aaron Elliot; Trustees, Messrs. Gay, Newman and Hill. Representative to the Grand Lodge, C. R. Peck; Alternate, S. T. Gay. Medical Examiner, G. Q. Berryman. The lodge is in a flourishing condition, and they expect in the near future to give an entertainment that the public may attend and see what they are doing.

The children belonging to St. Paul's Sunday School had their Christmas Tree according to announcement, and they enjoyed it as only children can a public occasion for their ease made and provided. The tree was laden with candles, nuts, fruits, and presents of various kinds, each having a designating tag attached. The distribution of the good things was preceded by the singing of appropriate carols and anthems. The task of stripping the tree occupied about an hour. In addition to the gifts upon the tree, each scholar received a present from his or her teacher. Then, with some more singing the little folks walked down the aisle and out, their pockets crammed with pop-corn and candy and their hearts with happiness.

We want correspondence from all points of the county—not ethical or aesthetic, but such as will impart local news. It is impossible for the editor to do his part of the work in the office and take the time necessary to go to all parts of the county to get the news local to each section; nor would it be practicable had he ever so much spare time at his command. But if we could secure a weekly or even monthly budget from Des Arc, Annapolis, Ozark, Arcadia, Pilot Knob, Middlebrook, Bellevue, Graniteville, etc., the interest of this paper to all its readers would be greatly enhanced. We can hardly afford to offer much remuneration for such service; but if a copy of the paper during the continuance of such correspondence will be any inducement, we will cheerfully make that much return for the receipt of an available letter, say, once every two weeks.

According to an item in Saturday's *Republican*, the Vulcan steel works in Carondelet will shut down early in this month. President Hittchcock states, as a reason for this, that the thirteen steel-rail mills in the United States produce more than is called for by the demand—about 30 per cent., he says. This is a case that protection doesn't help. Five mills will, therefore, shut down until such time as the demand will warrant a resumption of work, viz.: the Vulcan, the Cleveland Rolling Mill, one of the North Chicago Company's Rolling Mills, the Union Iron and Steel Company's mill, at Chicago and the Pittsburgh Bessemer mill, owned by Carnegie Bros. The coal and iron deposits of the Valley will, however, be run, and the manufacture of pig iron at the furnaces will be continued. The rail contracts the company had for the coming year have been exchanged for large ore contracts.

**Our Christmas Present.**

On Christmas Eve the members of the Pilot Knob Cornet Band, took charge of the writer, on the public streets, and marched him into the main hall of the Academy of Music. After playing a couple of selections—for the boys had brought their horns with them—W. R. Edgar, in a few felicitous and kindly words, on behalf of the band, presented us a fine ebony cane. The head is of solid gold, and the words, "Presented to E. D. Ake, by the Pilot Knob Cornet Band, December 25th, 1883," are engraved thereon. The intrinsic value of the article, though considerable, is not what one thinks of, of course; but the spirit of the affair, and the kindly consideration it expresses, we beg the donors to believe, are fully appreciated and understood by the recipient. To one and all, from the E. D. cornet to the Bass drum—from Mr. Edgar, whose words of presentation were elegant and well-chosen, to Bro. Paul, who was there, too—we return our thanks, and trust we may in their eyes continue to be worthy the honor conferred.

The residence of Mrs. M. I. Moser was burglarized last night and various articles taken therefrom.

**"BEST OF ALL."**

**Marsh's Golden Blood & Liver Tonic is an Excellent Remedy.**

"My wife was cured of Liver complaint and disordered Blood, with MARSH'S GOLDEN BLOOD & LIVER TONIC. It is the best of all remedies."—[Jas. J. Wright, Des Moines, Ia.] "Your GOLDEN BLOOD & LIVER TONIC is an excellent remedy for biliousness and loss of appetite. I have used it several times."—[Mrs. Mary Thomas, Fort Scott, Kans.]

"My Blood, Liver, Kidneys, Stomach and Bowels, were out of order. I used several remedies and prescriptions without benefit. MARSH'S GOLDEN BLOOD & LIVER TONIC cured me. It is a grand medicine."—[John G. Hill, Kansas City, Mo.]

MARSH'S GOLDEN BLOOD & LIVER TONIC, the great Blood and Liver purifier, and MARSH'S GOLDEN BALM, the famous Throat and Lung medicine, are for sale by P. R. Crisp, druggist, Ironton. Large bottles 50 cents and \$1.

Our friends at the Bluff do pile it on a little, sometimes. Last week the local correspondent of the *Republican*, chronicling a shooting affair, mentioned the wounded man as an ex-member of the "police force of this city," as if that force was composed of numerous guardians of the public safety. The same correspondent, a few days prior, in giving an account of the station-fire at the Bluff, characterized the building as the "Union depot in this city." He might as well speak of the "union depots" at Bismarck, Mineral Point, Middlebrook, and Summit. Now, the Bluff is a growing town, filled in the main with good, energetic people, and we wish it well; but boys, don't pile it on too heavy: it sort o' gags a fellow who knows, you know.

**Bucklen's Arnica Salve.**

The greatest wonder of the world. Warranted to speedily cure Burns, Bruises, Cuts, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Cancers, Piles, Chilblains, Corns, Tetter, Chapped Hands, and all Skin Eruptions; guaranteed to cure in every instance, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale at Crisp's Drug Store, Ironton. Just-ly

For fine Shoes for ladies and children, go to Nall & Co., of the "Blue Store."

The ball at the Academy of Music last Thursday night was in all respects a nice, pleasant affair. The large hall had been thoroughly warmed, the floor was well waxed, the music was excellent, and the dancers full of life and enjoyment. From nine o'clock in the evening until three o'clock in the morning, the strains of the music and the responses of the dancers' feet filled the room. (We don't mean to say that the participants had big feet, mind you!—but that they made the most of those they had.) Mr. Cebulke, director at the Standard Theatre, St. Louis, came down for the occasion, and our young folks were delighted with the music he made for them. Add to his ability as a musician the fact that he is an intelligent, gentleman in the true sense of the word, and all will understand the estimable consideration we have for him. May he be called here again, and often.

Nall & Co. deliver goods, small parcels, and groceries, free of charge.

**Our New Press.**

After due consideration, we last week purchased and put a "Fairhaven" cylinder press in the REGISTER office. There were many reasons which impelled us to do this, the chiefest of which is that with the new machine we can give our readers a better paper and later news, and accommodate our increasing circulation. A Washington hand press is always good, but it is slow, and the work hard. Equipped, hundred impressions get week on it make a day's labor of harder work than cutting cord-wood. We slung the "devil's tail" of our old press for seventeen years, and we believed we had earned our emancipation. So we bought a power-press, and when we get to understand it as thoroughly as we did the one it replaced, we will give our readers as neatly printed a paper as there is in the State. As yet we have not got the different parts fully adjusted, and if the print is not so good as it might be, those who read this number, will know the reason why, and make due allowance for shortcomings.

**Rescued Thousands**

All over the land are going into ecstasy over Dr. Kieck's New Discovery for Consumption. Their outlook for recovery by the timely use of this great life-saving remedy, causes them to go nearly wild in its praise. It is guaranteed to positively cure Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Hay Fever, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Loss of Voice, or any affection of the Throat and Lungs. Trial Bottles free at Crisp's Drug Store. Large size \$1.00. 2

Fresh Crackers and Cheese at the "Blue Store," of Nall & Co.'s.

Although winter, that hoary old monarch, with his crown of snow, and his scepter armed with icicles, affects mankind with such evil as coughs and cold, happily they can be cured by Cousens' Honey of Tar, a most excellent remedy for diseases of the throat and lungs. Bronchitis, Croup and Hoarseness.

Friend Trauernicht, at Middlebrook, is doing more business in the merchant tailoring line than any other man in the State, outside the big cities. His custom extends for hundreds of miles east, west, north and south, and is constantly growing in volume. He now employs eight or ten workmen all the year round, and the number is increased indefinitely as the holiday season comes round. His stock of goods is very large, and so varied in style and quality as to suit every sort of customer. With his facilities he can and does make up a complete suit within forty-eight hours from taking the measure! and he guarantees every thing—no fit, no money. He has just returned from the city with seasonable additions to his stock, and feels able to suit any and everybody who desires anything from a hat to a full outfit—the highest-toned dude in the land not excepted.

The Christmas Entertainment of the Presbyterian Sabbath School, though not held until New-Year's eve, was quite a pleasant occasion. The Church was pretty well filled with members and friends of the school, and the program of exercises, though brief, was well disposed of. The opening song and chorus, in which all were invited to join, was "Hallelujah," its done," after which prayer was offered by Rev. J. Donaldson. Then a welcome address by Miss Hattie Wright, including a tribute to the memory of the dead, rendered by Miss May Wright. At the conclusion each wished the audience a Happy New-Year. A recitation on Christmas, followed by little Misses Annie and Lila Tangze. Then a jubilee song, "The Gospel Train," by a class of little girls, with organ accompaniment. Next, "The boundary of Christmas," by Miss Fannie Miller, followed by an instrumental piece (Piano) by Mrs. W. W. Nall. Then a welcome song by Misses Fannie Miller and Edna Dilts, which was remarkably well rendered; and, after a song by the school, "Gospel Bells," Christmas Cards were distributed to the members of the school. A tableau was exhibited, indicating the departure of 1883 and introducing 1884. After a very brief address by the Pastor, the whole company were served with cake and apples, and the members of the school were called by classes to the front, and each one presented with a package of confectioneries—when others also were supplied with the same, from the reserve of which there was a sufficiency for all. The church was beautifully decorated and festooned with evergreens, presenting a pleasing and attractive appearance. The whole company appeared to enjoy themselves, and separated about 9 o'clock to spend the last few moments of the expiring year at their several homes. The occasion will long be remembered by young and old, as one of the pleasant things connected with the School.

**A Blessing to All Mankind.**

In these times when Newspapers are flooded with patent medicine advertisements, it is gratifying to know what to procure that will certainly cure you. If you are Bilious, blood out of order, Liver complaint, or generally debilitated, there is nothing in the world that will cure you so quickly as Electric Bitters. They are a blessing to all mankind, and can be had for only fifty cents a bottle of G. W. Farrar, Jr., Pilot Knob.

A new lot of fine Cigars, just received, at Nall & Co.'s.

**Personal.**

Mr. Gus. Moser leaves for the city this week.

Mrs. J. H. Chase, of Piedmont, is now in Ironton.

Mrs. Begley and daughter have returned from the Bluff.

Thos. Harvey returned from a visit to the Bluff last Monday.

Miss Nellie Brerton, of Iron Mountain, was in Ironton last week.

Mrs. H. Peters and daughter Maud, of Walnut Ridge, were in Ironton Monday.

Geo. H. Cruah, Esq., returned home Saturday night, after a week's sojourn in St. Louis.

Miss Chapin, now visiting Miss Craine, at Pilot Knob, was in attendance at the Christmas ball.

F. H. Delano, of St. Louis, was in Ironton Sunday, as was, also, C. A. Pilley, of Iron Mountain.

Chas. Kindel, of De Soto, came down Thursday and took in the ball at the Academy of Music.

Bob's Carter and family returned from St. Louis Sunday, whither they had gone the Wednesday previous.

Rev. Pecke held services in St. Paul's Church last Sunday morning and evening. Fair congregations attended.

Byron New, of Bloomington, Ill., now with T. Wright & Co., has been spending Christmas with Gus Moser and Lady.

J. G. Yaeger, of Bismarck, Gus. Hamel and D. Baer, of De Soto, attended the ball at the Academy of Music, Thursday night.

H. Valentine, of Bellefonte, Pa., and Wm. Burnside, of St. Louis, spent Christmas week in Ironton—the guests of Thos. Burnside, Esq.

Fred. Christman, of St. Louis, came down to Ironton Saturday—a no remarkable occurrence, since his bride had preceded him nearly a week.

Miss Meyers, Miss Jones, of Bismarck; Mr. Chapin, of St. Louis; Mr. A. Johnson, of Crystal City; Mr. Cain, of De Soto; were all here to the dance.

Mr. Carver and family, of De Soto, spent Christmas week in Ironton, with Mrs. M. M. Craton, as also did Mr. Toney and family, of Piedmont. Evidently, Mrs. C. is the sort of mother-in-law we usually read about.

Miss Agnes Kildee has returned from St. Louis, and is now prepared to make ladies' dresses in the latest style. Also cutting and fitting done by Moody's Tailor System. 4t

**Nickle Plating.**

One of the most remarkable, interesting and useful inventions now being operated in our town. It consists in plating knives, forks, spoons, and dental instruments, whether brass, iron or steel. Mr. J. Donaldson has learned the art of Mr. Connell, and is now ready to do all kinds of plating; also wash basins, but these by a little different process. Satisfaction given.

*Prices for Plating.*—1 set of Knives, 50 cts; 1 set of Forks, 40 c; 1 set of Table-spoons, 40 c; 1 set of Teaspoons, 30 c.

No doubt about it, as has been proven in a thousand cases Cousens' Lightning Liniment, is a blessing to all sufferers with Rheumatism, Lame Back, Neuralgia, Sprains, Corns, and Bunions, and will also cure Spavin, Ring-bone, Galls, Scalds, etc., on animals.

J. A. Cain, of De Soto, lost a K. of P. pin in Ironton last Thursday. Finder will be rewarded if he brings it to this office.

GOOD FRESH COW WANTED.—For which good price will be paid. Enquire at this office.

**A Railroad Project that Interests Our People.**

Certain parties in St. Louis are about to file articles of incorporation forming a company to build a railroad from that city to Chester, Illinois, and crossing the river at that point, thence, by way of various towns, to Carthage. One of these gentlemen has written us asking if our people would favor and assist, according to their means, the building of such a road. Knowing what great advantages would accrue to all this section should the project succeed, we believe that they would promptly respond to any reasonable request for assistance. We have often wondered why some company did not build a road from either Chester or Grand Tower, via Mine La Motte, Einstein's Silver Mines, Ironton, etc., to some point in the western portion of this State, thus connecting the coal-fields of Illinois with the great mineral belt of Missouri. The road now proposed will pass through the centre of the richest mineral fields in the world, beside opening up vast agricultural interests and magnificent forests of pine and hard woods at present inaccessible. It would pass through the vast mineral fields of Bollinger, Madison, Iron, Reynolds, and so on, to the western border of the State—every county being heavily timbered and generally abounding in minerals. Shannon county is especially rich in iron and copper, with as fine pine forests as there are anywhere. Mine La Motte is one of the oldest and richest mines of lead, copper and nickel in the Union. Einstein's Silver Mines are only partially developed, but it is destined to become one of the richest veins of argentiferous galena in the country. The Pilot Knob, Shepherd Mountain, Buford, Russell, Lewis and Shut-In Mountains, and many other deposits of iron, are on the route—none being more than two miles distant from Ironton, the central point. From the St. Francois river the valley of Stout's Creek affords an easy route to this place and westward, with only a narrow ridge between here and Black river.

The road can be constructed at reasonable cost; it will pay, and pay big; then why not put it through at once? We wish its projectors God-speed.

Fresh Groceries received this week at Nall & Co.'s.

**Pilot Knob Items.**

Miss Rachel Schneider who has been attending the State Normal School, at Cape Girardeau, is spending Christmas at home.

Mr. W. G. Craine is at home from Rolla School of Mines, to spend the Holidays with parents and friends.

Mrs. A. P. Vance, wife of Principal Vance, of Iron Mountain school is visiting the family of J. H. Miller, of Pilot Knob.

Miss Zella Hayden, who is teaching this year at Piedmont is spending Christmas at home. She seems much pleased with her location there.

Mrs. W. G. Dilts with her little daughter Edna, start for Kansas on a visit Thursday.

The Company Store has been closed for a few days by the manager, Mr. Delano, for the purpose of "taking stock" or "inventory," preparatory to the opening of the new year.

The physicians report an unusual amount of sickness at this time. Colds, coughs and pneumonia abound.

Prof. Thos. Foley, of Middlebrook, was ransacking Pilot Knob this week for Dr. Farrar. Nothing dangerous though, and Tom rejoices in a son or daughter—we forget which.

The boys and girls seemed to enjoy their Christmas hugely so far as we could see. The girls gave parties and the boys rode the Shetland ponies belonging to Mr. Simpson. The last we heard from the juvenile "tourneys" was of Eddie Perry's being thrown being thrown and badly hurt. Our suggestion would be that the ponies be left to their keepers.

Christmas was celebrated here with a tree at each of the three churches. The one at the Union church, where we attended, was a very pleasant affair. Songs and recitations were furnished by the school after which about four hundred presents were distributed. The Company Store and Dr. Farrar each sent the children a large number of present, in addition to the purchaser.

Your "Cylinder Press," Mr. Editor, will demand an additional correspondent, at various points. It seems, however, that too antagonize, at Goodland, Bro. T. C. gets roughhandling by "Quill" last week; but it hath been said that he taketh the "quill" shall perish with the "quill."

Hominy, Grits, and Fine Groceries, can be found at Nall & Co.'s.

Listen to the voice of the public, ye solitary, septic, and hear it pronounce a blessing on the greatest cough medicine of the age, Cousens' Honey of Tar, which will cure Croup, Hoarseness, Bronchitis, and all diseases of the Throat and Lungs.

**TO THE WEST.**

There are a number of routes leading to the above mentioned section, but the direct and reliable route is via Saint Louis over the Missouri Pacific Railway. Two trains daily are run from the Grand Union Depot, Saint Louis to Kansas City, Leavenworth, Atchison, St. Joseph and Omaha.

Pullman Palace Sleeping Cars of the very finest make are attached to all trains. At Kansas City Union Depot, passengers for Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico and California connect with express trains of all lines.

At Atchison, connection is made with express trains for Kansas and Nebraska points.

At Omaha, connection is made with the Overland train for California.

This line offers to parties en route to the West and Northwest, not only fast time and superior accommodations, but beautiful scenery, as it passes through the finest portion of Missouri and Nebraska. Send for illustrated maps, pamphlets, &c., of this line, which will be mailed free.

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A pure and simple compound, pleasant, effective, containing Honey and Tar, two ingredients whose virtues are appreciated by all the world, is Cousens' Honey of Tar, an unequalled remedy for Coughs, Colds, and all diseases of the Throat and Lungs.

IMPORTANT!—Starch, Ammonia, Tartaric acid and Flour, though they may not be injurious, are unnecessary to a pure baking powder and are consequently adulterations. Get our Chemical Baking Powder contains no alum of any kind.

Canned Goods of all kinds, at Nall & Co.'s.

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**Christmas and New Year!**

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**Clothing, Hats & Caps,**  
**Boots & Shoes,**  
**GROCERIES & PROVISIONS,**  
 Dress Goods,  
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**BARGAINS!!**  
 IN DRESS GOODS, CLOAKS, ETC.

**Christmas and Birthday Cards.**  
 from which to make choice selections.

We shall endeavor to make Every Trade Perfectly Satisfactory, and give you all the attention possible.

Always come to the head, and you will find great advantage in so doing.

**Country Produce Wanted!**  
 at all times and in any quantity, for which we will pay the highest price  
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 WHITE BEANS, DRIED APPLES,  
 DRIED PEACHES, BEESWAX,  
 &C., &C., &C.

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**We shall be Glad to see You!**